

Called & Gifted Workshop

February 7-8, 2014

What is the Called and Gifted Workshop?

The *Called and Gifted Workshop* is meant to help lay Catholics discern the unique work of love to which God is calling them and to discover how God has empowered them to carry it out. To date over 40,000 Catholics in over 100 dioceses have attended the workshop in parishes across North America and internationally learning about the crucial role every lay Catholic has in the mission of the Church to bring Christ's love to our neighbors and our culture.

Why should I attend?

Because Christ is calling you, Christ *needs* you, to bring his love to others in a way only you can do. No one else has your particular background, experience, gifts, and connections. No one else can take your place.

Over and over again, long-time Catholics have asked after the workshop, "How come I have never heard this before?" If you are a cradle-Catholic with years of Catholic schooling or have been through RCIA, chances are that you never fully received the Church's teaching on lay participation in her mission and have never received an opportunity to discover for yourself how Christ is calling *you*, uniquely and personally.

What will I learn?

What the Church teaches

Church teaching on the role of the laity

The identity of the "Lay Apostle"

How the ordained and the laity properly collaborate

Implications for parish life and ministries

Results of the *Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory*

A survey of God's working through you for others

Identify how you personally are supernaturally empowered

The nature of spiritual gifts

What are they?

What are they for?

How can I discern what mine are?

About Call and Vocation

What is vocation?

Everyone has a vocation!

Why discerning my call is essential to my happiness

How I can discover mine and why it's never too late

Who it is for?

Long-time Catholics

If I'm a Catholic, have I discerned how God calls me to bring his love to others? Do I know what my particular supernatural gifts are for this work?

Active ministry leaders (to clarify call and vocation)

If I'm in ministry, have I discerned which of my spiritual gifts make me particularly effective and where I can most fruitfully focus my efforts? Do I minister in a way that energizes me or do I get burned-out? How can I help those I work with discover their own gifts and calls from God and therefore the path to their greatest happiness?

Pastoral leadership

If I'm in a position to provide pastoral leadership, do I know how to encourage parishioners to become lay apostles? Do I know how they can discern their own vocations? Do I know and convey the absolute necessity of this?

Parents and Teachers

If I have the responsibility of caring for or teaching the young, do I know how to help them discover the ways God has gifted them for others? Do I convey to them that God is calling them to a work of love only they can do, and can I tell them how they can discover this call?

People in transition

If I am retired, divorced, unemployed, entering the work force, or experiencing the empty nest, do I know where God is calling me? Do I have a sense of calling and vocation different from career success? Do I need a sense of direction and renewed confidence?

People searching

If I am asking what God wants of me, what direction I should take, or what will bring lasting meaning and peace of heart, do I understand the essential connection between my happiness and discerning my vocation from God? Am I looking for more from my Church and my faith? Do I want to feel like I make a real difference?

Who is teaching the workshop?

The *Called and Gifted* workshop is presented by the Catherine of Siena Institute, nationally headquartered in Colorado Springs. For more information about the workshop or the Catherine of Siena Institute, you may visit their website, www.siena.org.

When and where is the workshop?

The workshop will be held February 7, Friday evening (7-9:00) and February 8 Saturday morning and afternoon (9:00-4:00), at the Bechtel Center on the Stanford campus

Does the workshop have a fee?

Yes it does. \$25 for students and \$50 for community members. Scholarships are available. You may register after all the Sunday Masses on Feb 2 or online at <http://catholic.stanford.edu/news-events/called-and-gifted-workshop>